



June 30, 2022

The Honorable Paul Tonko
Chairman
House Committee on Energy & Commerce
Subcommittee on Environment & Climate Change
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David McKinley
Ranking Member
House Committee on Energy & Commerce
Subcommittee on Environment & Climate Change
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RE: No Time to Waste: Solutions for America's Broken Recycling System

Dear Chairman Tonko and Ranking Member McKinley:

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) commends the House Committee on Energy & Commerce; Subcommittee on Environment & Climate Change for holding the hearing, "No Time to Waste: Solutions for America's Broken Recycling System." We especially appreciate consideration of the "Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act of 2022" (H.R. 8183) which would fund projects to significantly improve recycling accessibility for underserved communities.

SWANA is the largest professional association for the solid waste and recycling industry in the United States, with more than 10,000 members in 47 chapters. We are committed to advancing from solid waste management to resource management. Our members include both local government officials and private sector representatives in all 50 states.

The "Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act of 2022" will help rural communities build and maintain recycling infrastructure in underserved areas. This will increase the domestic supply of recyclable materials for new products and allow more Americans to participate in the growing circular economy. SWANA urges the Subcommittee and Committee to report favorably on H.R. 8183.

We look forward to working with all Committee members to build upon and improve our Nation's recycling system. If you have any questions about municipal recycling or the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at dbiderman@swana.org

Sincerely,

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